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1. As of 1 January 1949, the Sowjetische Mineraloelverwaltung (SMV) has been placed under the immediate jurisdiction of the Technical Bureau of the Chief Administration of National Petroleum Supply (Glavnftesnab), Moscow, instead of the local Soviet authority in Austria. Directives are now being sent directly from Moscow by special courier plane.

2. The fiscal year begins on 5 January, but no purchases will be permitted to be made until 15 January. The central SMV purchasing office, Schottengasse, Vienna I, which did all the purchasing for refineries and drilling installations, and the administration at Krummussbaum, which supplied the SMV with food and lumber, are to be dissolved. As of 3 January, all SMV subsidiaries, refineries, and oil well sites have been authorized to do their own purchasing, exclusive of materials which are available in the SMV warehouse or the central depot at Neusiedl a/d Zaya.

3. The entire SMV staff is working at a 25% capacity, apparently marking time pending the clarification of the above mentioned changes. Some Soviet officials fear that these changes may result in their recall to Moscow.

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